

CHAPTER CLXXXVIII

DHANVANTARI said:—Now hear me, O Sushruta, discourse on the Nidāna of Udvāta. 'Suppression of urgings towards sneezing, yawning, defecation, urination or of any other functions of the body, unnatural non-gratification of hunger, thirst, etc., should be regarded as the exciting factors of Udvāta. The type of Udvāta, ushered in through a voluntary retention of flatus, is marked by • tympanites with suppression of stool and urine, lassitude and a pricking, aching pain in the intestines. A deranged and aggravated condition of the bodily Vayu should be regarded as one of the essential causes of Udvāta, and measures calculated to restore the deranged Vayu to its normal course and condition should be considered as the primary remedies in all types of this disease. In the type due to the voluntary retention of stool, an aching pain with a rumbling sound in the intestines, a cutting pain about the anus, suppression of stool and urine and rising of eructations are the symptoms which manifest themselves, and sometimes the fecal matter is found to be ejected through the mouth. The type of Udvāta, which originates from a voluntary retention of urine, is marked by an aching pain in the bladder and urethra, strangury, and a drawing pain* in the inguinal regions. The body seems extremely

painful and the patient finds relief only in a recumbent posture. In the type of Udivarta resulting from a voluntary suppression of an urging towards yawning, stiffness of the muscle of the neck (Manyi) with a numbed pain in the throat, headache and a host of other diseases of the eyes, ears, nose and mouth are developed. Similarly, the type of Ud^varta, which is brought on through a voluntary suppression of tears, is marked by an excruciating headache, catarrh and affections